



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3733**  
Kazuhiro YOSHINAGA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0777A  
Serial No. 10/579,978 : Group Art Unit 1623  
Filed May 22, 2006 : Examiner Michael C. Henry  
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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED CONCURRENTLY WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 17, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.